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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 WILLIAM RAY BARTON,
12 Petitioner,
13 v.
14 JOSIE GASTELO,
15 Respondent.

No. 2:23-CV-0134-DMC-P

ORDER

17 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of
18 habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the Court is Petitioner's motion for leave
19 to proceed in forma pauperis, ECF No. 9. Petitioner has submitted the affidavit required by 28
20 U.S.C. § 1915(a) showing that Petitioner is unable to prepay fees and costs or give security
21 therefor.

22 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Petitioner's motion for leave to
23 proceed in forma pauperis, ECF No. 9, is granted.

25 | Dated: May 4, 2023



DENNIS M. COTA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE